

You Were Made for This!

building community
in the new normal

Sept. 19 to Oct. 17 at HPPC

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to the new normal! Again. Wonderful progress is being made against the virus but moving forward is not perfect. We're still not living in the world that we were living in.

One thing that has changed is how communities are built. Many of us are longing for a return to community and there is a deep need for community in the world around us. But I have good news. **Christians were made for this! Creating community is our specialty!**

We have new opportunities to build community with one another and to share that community with others. It's part of our mission to do that because this could be the primary way people experience Jesus Christ in the new normal.

For most of us, it's time to rejoin in-person worship. Being vaccinated and wearing a mask may enable you to do that. **Join us Sunday, September 19, at 9 AM for worship, followed by brunch after worship, and to kick off:**

- A new sermon series: You Were Made for This: building community in the new normal
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- The Choir is planning to return to worship services on September 19!
- The first day of Preschool was September 7th! We are so excited to welcome 66 students and build relationships with families this year.
- By the way, the mission team already welcomed back students and parents at Hamblen Elementary with outdoor treats!

Peace in Christ,



Sunday Brunch Sept. 19 at 10 AM

Look Inside for More Info on This and
Other Ways to Connect at HPPC

Sunday Brunch—Sept. 19

Join us at the church building on **September 19, at 10:00 AM**, immediately after worship service for a meal provided by the Deacons to kick off fall and the start of the new program year. We plan to be outside to enjoy the cooler fall weather. Children's activities will be available, including a giant, inflatable slide! We hope to see you there!

Retreats at Camp Spalding's Clearwater Lodge

Save the dates for upcoming retreats at Camp Spalding's Clearwater Lodge! The women's retreat will be held September 24-26, and the men's will be November 19-21. For more information go to clearwaterlodge.org/upcoming-events-2/

Don't Have a Computer? You Can Call In for Worship Services

- Dial toll-free: **1-888-788-0099**
- Enter the Meeting ID: **826-7370-4214**
- You will be put on hold until the worship service begins.
- If you have questions about this procedure, contact Heather at 509-385-0627 during the week ahead of the worship service, and she will practice with you.

Advent Fair

HPPC's annual Advent Fair will be November 28, immediately following the worship service. This celebration of the season is for all ages. Fellowship Hall will be filled with music, themed crafts, and food. Please join us as we celebrate the season of Advent as a church family. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Joe Bruce, HPPC Director of Children's Ministries, at 509-385-0626.

World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. HPPC will have guest musicians leading us in world music during worship on October 3rd in celebration of World Communion Sunday. We hope you'll join us!

Name Tags

If you are a regular attendee and would like a name tag, let Trina know at trinal@hamblenpres.org or 509-385-0619.

Mothers' Room

Our new Mothers' Room will be completed by our September 19th Kick-Off Sunday. Located across from the nursery in the south hallway, this room is a perfect place to nurse or comfort a fussy little one while watching the service live-streamed on YouTube. This room can also be reserved for small group meetings. Contact Heather Notske for more information.

Blankets for HPPC Newborns

The Congregational Care Team offers a ministry of giving baby blankets and Bibles to newborns of HPPC. This outreach is intended to welcome our little ones with love and affirmation of our commitment to be part of our community of faith.

Have you welcomed a new addition to your family recently? Are you expecting a little one in the coming months? Please contact Kathleen Seppi with your news at sbkathleen@comcast.net.

.....TO NOTE



HPPC Sunday School Opener—Sept. 19

Sunday, September 19, beginning right after the Children's message, is the Sunday School kickoff, and this will be one to remember! The theme is "Heroes Unmasked." We will have David's Bopple Topple where kids will bowl Rock Balls toward the Philistines, as they learn about David, the boy in the Old Testament of the Bible. Other fun activities during the morning include Queen Esther's Crown the Queen game, Elijah's Flaming Altar, Moses' Red Sea Putt-Putt, Noah's Operation Rescue, and don't forget the Hero Cookie Cafe. All these Bible heroes will provide memories your kids will want to share with you. Please join us for a morning of FUN!

Updated Mask Guidance

Please wear your mask in the church building. We are implementing the statewide mask mandate for indoor settings. This includes vaccinated individuals. We do this, not out of fear, but as an act of love for our neighbors in the Spokane community and to practice Romans 13:1.

Thank You!

A special thank you is necessary for Mel Christopher who has faithfully mowed our lawn for around a decade. Mel has recently retired from this ministry and passed the lawnmower on to the Auld family. Thank you, Mel, for many years of service and thank you, Auld Family, for taking this on. We appreciate you!!

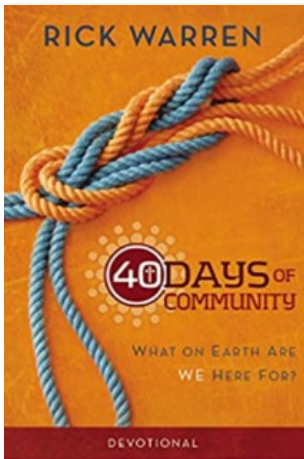
Caution: Watch for Scam Emails!

Please be aware that someone is attempting to scam church members over email. This person creates a fake email address and pretends to be a church staff member, but if you look closely you will see that the email does not come from the correct address.

The scam is to ask for help for someone in need. If you reply, the perpetrator will ask that you send money through e-gift cards. Staff will never request for you to do this! Please do not reply to these scam emails. If you receive a suspicious email and would like to check with the staff member about its origin, create a new email and select the staff member's email address from your contacts or click on the link for the staff member's email at the bottom of this e-news.

Again, do not reply to these phishing emails. Just mark it as spam or scam so that your email provider can prevent emails from that address in the future. Be aware that this is an ongoing problem. The perpetrator will simply create a new email address and try again another time.

CONNECT.....



40 Days of Community—Join Us!

We need God and we need each other! After a year and a half of being apart, we want to offer a chance to come together again, grow as disciples of Jesus, and build back our sense of community. We invite you to commit to a 40-day practice of daily devotional reading using the book **40 Days of Community Devotional: What On Earth Are We Here For?** Each day there is a short reading, a Point to Ponder, Verse to Remember, and Question to Consider, centered around five purposes: fellowship, spiritual growth, service, worship, and sharing the good news.

For 7 weeks, two groups will meet to discuss their experiences with the book, one group will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM, starting September 30, and the other on Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service, starting October 3. Both groups will meet in the Skylight Room and will be facilitated by Heather Notske. If you would like to purchase a book, have questions, or would like more information, contact Heather at 509-385-0627 or heathern@hamblenpres.org.

Top of the Hill

This popular group for retirement-aged friends meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM starting in October. At this time we are planning to meet in-person, and hope to serve a meal like we have in the past (suggested donation \$7). So that we can plan for food, please make a reservation through the church office a week prior to each meeting. If you prefer not to eat, but would like to come for the program, please make that known when you make your reservation and arrive by 12:00. Upcoming topics:

October 5—Mike Aleman, Poetry Reading

November -----To Be Determined

December 7—Jeannie Wright and Friends, Musical Program

To save your seat, contact Trina or Heather in the church office (trinal@hamblenpres.org or heathern@hamblenpres.org).

2021/2022 HPPC Book Club List

The Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 PM. For more information about the HPPC Book Club, contact Betty Thompson at bettythomps@aol.com.

October	<i>The Four Winds</i>	by Kristin Hannah
November	<i>Created For Commitment</i>	by Audrey Witherall Johnson
January	<i>We Band of Angels</i>	by E. Norman
February	<i>The Widow's War</i>	by Sally Gunning
March	<i>The Island of Sea Women</i>	by Lisa See
April	<i>Girl Waits With Gun</i>	by Amy Stewart
May	<i>The Girl Who Wrote in Silk</i>	by Kelli Estes

.....IN A GROUP

Deborah's Circle

The women of HPPC's Deborah Circle's ministry hope to start on October 4th for a 9:00 a.m. workshop, followed by lunch at noon, and a 1:00 p.m. business meeting.

Deborah Circle generally meets on the first Monday of the month (except in the summer, and in January and September when it is delayed one week because of occurring holidays), to share in the blessing of ministry and fellowship as they make a great number of items to provide for those in need in the various schools, shelters, and care centers of our city.

Despite the 18-month Covid-19 pandemic isolation period, members have not been idle. This past winter, more than 600 fleece hats, with purchased gloves, were made and donated to 20 schools in the area; 79 quilts were presented to Hope House for their newly opened facility, with many more in the process; and 50 lap robes are available for wheelchair residents in nursing homes this fall.

Deborah Circle extends a warm welcome to ALL women of the church. Please come and join us! Questions? Call Donna Odean, Moderator, at 509-999-1374.

Request for Mittens

The ladies of Deborah Circle need your help! We have been very busy making over 500 hats for grade school children. Here is where you can help: we need gloves to go with the hats. The one-size-fits-all for grade school children is what is needed. If you are able to help, you may drop off donations at the church by October 30. Questions? Contact Verla Enright at 509-624-6445. Thank you for your help!



Connect with Pastors and Staff

Office Hours:	Monday–Thursday	9:00 AM–4:00 PM
	Friday	9:00 AM–Noon

Staff will be available for appointments and meetings beyond the posted hours. Come see us in person or contact us directly:

Pastor Steve Watts, Pastor, Head of Staff, steview@hamblenpres.org or call/text: (509) 251-0366

Pastor Jennie Barber, Interim Associate Pastor, jennieb@hamblenpres.org or call/text: (206) 794-0689

Joe Bruce, Director of Children's Ministries, joeb@hamblenpres.org or call/text: (509) 954-3041

Mitchel Pierce, Director of Student Ministries, mitchelp@hamblenpres.org or call/text: (206) 739-6126

Kyla Fague, Interim Worship Director, kylaf@hamblenpres.org or call/text: (509) 270-6848

Heather Notske, Dir. of Operations & Group Ministry, heathern@hamblenpres.org or call/text: (509) 251-6468

Trina Limbaugh, Administrative Assistant, trinal@hamblenpres.org or call the office: (509) 448-2909 ext. 101

GROW THROUGH WORSHIP & STUDY



Join Us in Person for Sunday Worship Services

Go to our website at
hamblenpres.org
to skip the sign-in line
on Sunday!

Fall Wednesday Morning Bible Study

In spite of its place at the back of our Bibles, Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica is the oldest writing in the New Testament. In this letter, Paul encourages the community of disciples to persist in faith, hope, and love. This fall, we'll take an in-depth look at Paul's letter to those who "became very dear to him" (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Together we'll discover how this ancient letter continues to encourage us as we grow in faith individually and as a community.

Wednesday morning Bible study kicks off on September 22. Join us each week at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall as we explore 1 Thessalonians.

September 22:	Introduction and Chapter 1
September 29:	Chapter 2:1-12
October 6:	Chapter 2:13-20, 3:1-5
October 13:	Chapter 3:6-11
October 20:	Chapter 4:1-8
October 27:	Chapter 4:9-18
November 3:	Chapter 5:1-11
November 10:	Chapter 5:12-28

Options for Adult Fellowship & Study

All groups are open to anyone who would like to join in.

Drop-ins are always welcome, so if you miss a week, just jump back in next week!

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**--Sunday mornings, 7:30-8:30 AM. Contact Bob Nofsinger at nofsingerbm@gmail.com to receive a Zoom link and more information.
- **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**--In Person & on Zoom, Tuesday mornings, at 7:30 AM. If you are interested in being part of this group or have questions, contact Jim Sipes at grandpanow4@aol.com. To get a Zoom link, email joeb@hamblenpres.org.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**-- In person, Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 AM--Led by Pastor Jennie. Contact Heather Notske at 509-385-0627 or heathern@hamblenpres.org to receive a Zoom link.
- **40 Days of Community**—Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM, & Sundays, 10-11 AM. See page 4 for more information.
- **HPPC Book Club**—Third Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 PM. Contact Betty Thompson at bettythomps@aol.com to receive a Zoom link and more information.
- **Top of the Hill**—Meets monthly to hear presentations on various topics of interest. Contact Heather Notske at heathern@hamblenpres.org for more information.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Fall Backpack Drive—Through Sept. 15

School has started!!! Neighborhood Outreach would like to supplement backpacks for some of Ferris High School and Adams Elementary students during the Fall Backpack Drive, August 26 – September 15. Donations, through the purchase of backpacks or as a monetary gift, will be greatly appreciated.

Keep in mind that backpacks for the high school students need to be ADULT sized. Elementary backpacks can be unisex or gender themed. Drop off your donation in the church foyer. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please designate it for 'Neighborhood Outreach Backpacks'. We will then purchase backpacks with those funds. Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhood schools. For more information, contact Karen Kelly at 509-599-7518 or Kristin Markham at 509-209-6500.

Bite2Go

Volunteers may now sign up at bit.ly/Bite2GoHPPC for delivery of Bite2Go food kits to Hamblen Elementary. We are again supporting 20 students with Bite2Go take-home meal supplements this school year. Your support has been tremendous the last several years and we look forward to your continued commitment. Volunteers are needed to pick up food at 2nd Harvest and drop off at Hamblen Elementary. Monetary donations help fund the program, which is \$5.00 per week, per student. For those who wish to give support through monetary donations, please designate them for 'Bite2go'. Contact Karen Kelly at 509-599-7518 for more information. Thank you for committing to this ministry.

Seeking Volunteers for Sunday Worship Services

Are you ready to be involved as a volunteer in worship again? If so, we'd love to have you! You can sign up on our website as an Usher, a Door Greeter, a Coffee Fellowship Host, or an Acolyte at hamblenpres.org/sign-up-central. Thank you—we appreciate your involvement!

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Looking for an outlet for your creativity? Consider one of the HPPC children's ministry event planning teams. Throughout the program year, HPPC Children's Ministries provides several fun events at Hamblen for the entire family; these include Harvest Party, Advent Fair, Christmas Pageant From Scratch, parent and children nights, and Vacation Bible School to name a few. For these events to be successful, fun, and Christ-centered, creative minds are needed along with folks that want to occasionally share their strong backs.

The ongoing Children's Ministry programs also require many volunteers. Please consider being part of this fun team that touches the lives of so many children. There are many volunteer opportunities available from teaching short Bible lessons, driving to outside activities, music activities, or sitting at a table during dinner and having a conversation with kids while enjoying the meal. Joe Bruce, Director of Children's Ministries, would love to talk to you about these possibilities and new avenues at Hamblen for family fellowship. If these opportunities resonate with you, please contact Joe at 509-385-0626 or joeb@hamblenpres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Youth Fall Kickoffs!

Come join us as we kick off the school year with games, snacks, and friends!

CARAVAN (6th-8th Graders):

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM
Beginning September 20

OASIS (9th-12th Graders)

Sundays, 6:00-8:00 PM
Beginning September 19

Camp Spalding Fall Camps!

This fall we'll be heading up to Camp Spalding for a good time in nature, a good time with friends, and a good time focusing on Jesus. Reach out to Mitchel for more details at mitchelp@hamblenpres.org.

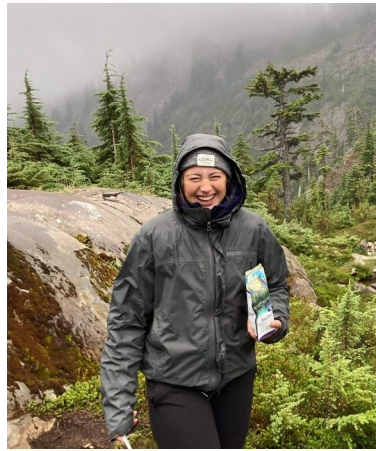
Middle School Fall Camp (6th-8th): October 29-31

High School Fall Camp (9th-12th): December 3-5

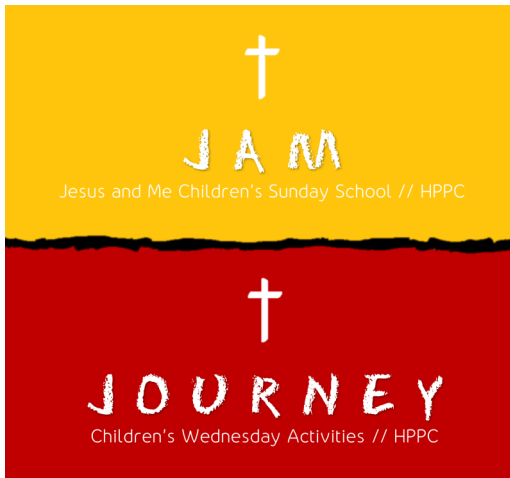
YOUTH MISSION WEEK 2021



YOUTH BACKPACKING TRIP 2021



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Journey—Starts Oct. 6

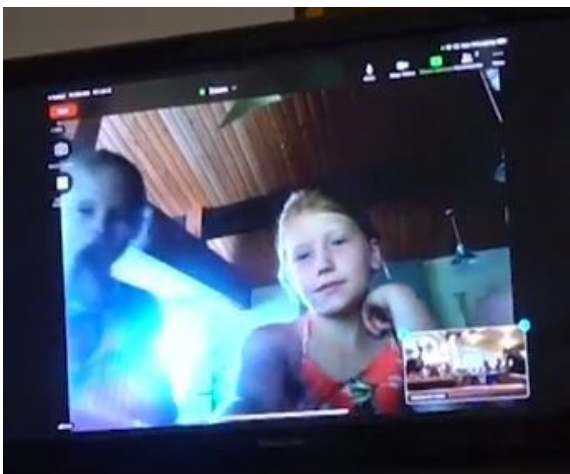
We are all on a journey in our faith. The wonderful thing about journeys is that we can take others with us. Wednesday evenings, 5:00PM to 7:00PM, 1st through 5th graders go on a Journey together learning about Christ's love while enjoying a home cooked meal, games, and small group time. The HPPC Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and Skylight Room are abuzz with activity. We also hope to take some fun field trips during the year. A small \$4 donation is requested each week to help cover some of the cost for the evening. Join the Journey, you will enjoy the ride.

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Sunday School

J.A.M. begins September 19, at 9:15 AM. Children will accompany their parents into worship at 9:00 and remain through the Children's Sermon. Kids will then be excused to go to J.A.M. until 10:15. Children 3 years old through 1st grade will go to self-contained classrooms with a group of three teachers each week. Children in 2nd-5th grades will rotate each week through different sites as they focus deeper on a particular Bible passage. Rotation sites include Christ's Cafe Kitchen, Faithful Films Movie, Bits and Bytes Computer Lab, along with either Goliath Games, Thou Art, or Storytelling sites.

Covid-19

The last year and a half has been interesting, to say the least. With all the changes and uncertainty, children's health and safety are always top of mind for me as Director of Children's Ministries at Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church. In the coming program year, we will continue to follow CDC and local guidelines for Covid-19 and its variants. Currently, staff and children will be utilizing masks and hand sanitation options during activities at the church and outside events. We realize there are many opinions regarding Covid-19 with regard to transmission. We feel that we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves and for us, that means using masks and washing our hands frequently. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School was a fun week! Over 70 kids participated from as far away as Deer Park. About two thirds of the children attending VBS were new faces from the community that we were excited to welcome! Over 50 of your friends from HPPC and other churches from the area volunteered their week to give the kids an encounter with Moses. Thank you so much to all the volunteers for helping to bring this ministry to the children of our community! You can watch a short video of all the VBS fun at bit.ly/HPPCVBS2021.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Kick Off Brunch
September 19, at 10:00 AM

Women's Retreat at Camp Spalding
September 24-26

World Communion Sunday
October 3

Men's Retreat at Camp Spalding
November 19-21

Advent Fair
November 28, at 10:00 AM

TRINA IS HERE TO HELP!

Contact our Administrative Assistant,
Trina at trinal@hamblenpres.org or
509-385-6019 and she will be happy to
send you what you need!

